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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Paul N. Dunlap

FILED: February 22, 2002**SERIAL NO:** 10/081,464**DOCKET:** L00-079A**FOR:** BONDED PART AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING SAME

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) Examiner:
) Jackson, Monique R.

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) Art Unit: 1773
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RESPONSE AND 3rd AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Examiner Jackson:

The Applicant Requests Continuing Examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114. The Applicant also requests a sufficient extension of time to respond pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136.

This submission includes amendments to the claims and remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed March 29, 2005. The Applicant requests non-entry of the amendment to the claims previously submitted on March 15, 2005. No amendment is made to the specification and drawings.

This submission includes a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR 1.56 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(4) "Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114."

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The Applicant also makes reference to the phone interview on April 4, 2005 with Applicant's representative Paul Dunlap. The Examiner commented on the breadth of "at least partially" language and suggested incorporating definite percentage limitations. The Examiner commented that metal-forming steps could possibly produce an article indistinguishable from claim 17 and challenged Applicant to find distinguishing features.